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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CUBA REQUESTS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

THE CUBAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HAS DELIVERED A FORMAL NOTE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL REQUESTING AN URGENT MEETING ON CHILE. THE CUBANS WISH TO DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC RIGHTS IN THAT COUNTRY. EARLIER, CUBA'S CHARGE IN A LETTER TO THE COUNCIL DENOUNCED ATTACKS ON ITS EMBASSY, SHIPS, AND CITIZENS IN CHILE. CONSULTATIONS ON THE REQUEST MAY TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS 1030 SEPTEMBER 14, ACCORDING TO USUN. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 3163, 3164, AND 3177, 9/13.

2. SITUATION IN CHILE

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LATEST REPORTS FROM CHILE INDICATE THAT DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO IS SOMEWHAT QUIETER DESPITE SPORADIC SHOOTING. AN 1830 CURFEW HAS CONTINUED AND WILL LAST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, NEW CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA CLAIMED THE GOVERNMENT ENJOYED THE SUPPORT OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CITIZENS, AND CHARGED CUBAN INTERVENTION IN CHILE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MEANWHILE, BRAZIL RECOGNIZED THE NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT LATE SEPTEMBER 13,

ONLY 48 HOURS AFTER THE OVERTHROW OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 4202, 4199, & 4194, AND FBIS 20, 9/13.

3. IN THE MIDDLE EAST...

A. ARABS ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE...

EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN HELD THEIR LAST MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS NOTABLE PRIMARILY FOR WHAT IT DID NOT SAY. THE COMMUNIQUE MADE NO REFERENCE TO AN EASTERN FRONT, STATUS OF PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN JORDAN, OR ANY OF THE OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES. USINT CAIRO SEES NO INDICATION OF A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN EGYPTIAN POLICIES TOWARDS PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) USINT CAIRO 2738, 9/13.

B. AND ISRAEL SPECULATES ON THE MOTIVES.

ISRAELI MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS DIRECTOR VERED HAS ATTRIBUTED THE CURRENT EGYPT-SYRIA-JORDAN RAPPROCHEMENT TO SYRIAN INITIATIVE. CONCERNED ABOUT THE BORDER WITH ISRAEL, SYRIA IS SEEKING TO SHORE UP RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING JORDAN. IN ADDITION, REPORTS EMBASSY TEL AVIV, ISRAEL IS CONCERNED THAT, DURING THE MEETING, JORDANIAN KING HUSSEIN MAY HAVE MADE SECRET CONCESSIONS REGARDING THE REINTRODUCTION OF FEDAYEEN AND FOREIGN ARAB REGULAR FORCES INTO JORDAN. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 7182, 9/12.

4. ISRAELI-SYRIAN DOGFIGHT OVER SYRIA

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THE ISRAELI AND SYRIAN AIR FORCES CLASHED IN THE VICINITY OF TARTOUS, SYRIA, SEPTEMBER 13 IN WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THEIR BIGGEST AIR BATTLE SINCE THE 1967 WAR. ISRAEL CLAIMS IT DOWNED 13 SYRIAN MIGS AND LOST ONE MIRAGE. SYRIA ON THE OTHER HAND CLAIMS ITS AIR FORCE SHOT DOWN FIVE ISRAELI JETS AND LOST EIGHT MIGS. (SECRET) USDAO TEL AVIV 131545Z SEPT. 73 AND AP 81, 9/13.

5. U.S. WHEAT FOR EGYPT?

USINT CAIRO REPORTS THAT SAUDI AMBASSADOR NAZIR CLAIMS THE US HAD AGREED TO DO "SOMETHING" TO HELP EGYPT MEET ITS REQUIREMENT FOR ONE AND HALF MILLION TONS OF WHEAT THIS YEAR. CHARGE WILEY SUSPECTS THE SAUDIS MAY HAVE LED THE EGYPTIANS TO BELIEVE THE US WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN PROVIDING WHEAT, AND REQUESTS GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO AVERT MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN CAIRO. (SECRET) USINT CAIRO 2737, 9/14 (LIMDIS).

6. EAST GERMANS TRAIN ARAB TERRORISTS

FOREIGN MINISTER ABBA EBAN HAS STATED THE ISRAELIS HAVE HARD INFORMATION THAT ARAB TERRORISTS ARE BEING TRAINED IN EAST GERMANY. HE CITED THIS AS AN INDICATION THAT THE SOVIETS, WHILE PERHAPS INTERESTED IN MINIMIZING THE CHANCES FOR A US-USSR CONFRONTATION, WERE USING THIRD PARTIES TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. EBAN QUERIED EMBASSY TEL AVIV REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR RAISING THE SUBJECT WITH THE EAST GERMANS. (SECRET) TEL AVIV 7192, 9/13.

7. US, PRC VIEWS ON KOREA QUESTION FAR APART

HUANG HUA, PRC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR SCALI THAT THE RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTED BY THE PRC AND THE US ON THE KOREA QUESTION ARE FAR APART. THE PRC REGARDS BOTH THE UN COMMISSION ON THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION OF KOREA (UNCURK) AND THE UN COMMAND AS STUMBLING BLOCKS TO THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. HUANG SAID THAT PEACE AND SECURITY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BY THE KOREAN PARTIES THEMSELVES AND NOT BY SECRET

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OUTSIDE TROOPS. HE STATED THAT SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION OF THE TWO KOREAS TO THE UN WOULD PERPETUATE THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 3147, 9/12.

8. LAOS: PEACE AT LAST?

THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRO-COMMUNIST PATHET LAO SIGNED A PEACE AGREEMENT SEPTEMBER 13 AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF WAR. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE TOP NEGOTIATORS FOR EACH SIDE IN THE PRESENCE OF PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. (UNCLASSIFIED) REUTERS 197, 9/14. RUSH

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